

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 6 is cancelled.

Claims 17-25 are added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-5 and 7-25 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants note that new Information Disclosure Statements and SB/08 forms were filed on July 12, 2005 and October 3, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the Office to consider these SB/08 forms and provide signed and initialed copies with the next Office correspondence.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 6, 13, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,993,190 (Hiyoshi et al.). Claim 6 is cancelled. This rejection is respectfully traversed in regards to claims 1, 13, and 16.

Hiyoshi et al. fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations recited in claims 1, 13, and 16. For example, Hiyoshi et al. fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a detecting unit, means, or step that detects a rotational position of the work in a rotating direction thereof. Hiyoshi et al. discloses a polishing apparatus that includes an encoder 13 and angle detector 115. See Hiyoshi et al. at col. 3, lines 45-59; col. 9, lines 29-34. However, Hiyoshi et al.

discloses that the encoder 13 and angle detector 115 are for detecting the rotation of the pivoting table 11. See Hiyoshi et al. at col. 3, lines 45-59; col. 9, lines 29-34. For at least this reason, Hiyoshi et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of claims 1, 13, and 16. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Office for identifying claims 2-5, 7-12, 14, and 15 as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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